

Earn-A-Buck Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is Earn-A-Buck (EAB)?** Earn-A-Buck requires a hunter to harvest an antlerless deer prior to being authorized to harvest an antlered deer in Deer Management Units (DMU's) where other population control measures have not been effective. EAB is a strong and effective herd control measure which increases harvest pressure on antlerless deer.
- 2. What are the requirements under EAB?** Under the EAB season structure, a hunter must first harvest an antlerless deer in order to obtain a sticker that makes the regular gun or bow carcass tag valid for an antlered deer. During an EAB season, your regular gun or bow carcass tag is not valid for and antlered deer without the sticker. You can also qualify for a buck sticker by filling an agricultural damage tag with an antlerless deer.
- 3. Can I pre-qualify?** Yes, a hunter can qualify for a buck sticker prior to an EAB hunting season by harvesting an antlerless deer in the previous hunting season in any DMU which is authorized as an EAB unit the following season.
- 4. What are the benefits of pre-qualifying?** This modification to the EAB program enables hunters to plan ahead for the next season. If the unit you hunt in could potentially be EAB in the following year, you can prepare by harvesting an antlerless deer in that unit so that you are pre-qualified for a buck the following year, if EAB is approved. It also encourages antlerless harvest in those units that need increased herd control. Significant antlerless harvest in certain units could be enough to keep the unit out of EAB the following year. A list of EAB watch units can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/deer/eabwatch.htm>.
- 5. How will the Department know if I earned my buck sticker?** The DNR has developed and implemented a new deer registration database so that if EAB is approved in any unit, we can review who harvested an antlerless deer and where. Stickers will then be issued to those who have pre-qualified for their buck sticker in EAB units.
- 6. When/ how will I receive my buck sticker?** Buck stickers may be mailed to qualifying hunters in the late summer of 2006, once season structures have been established and the database has been reviewed for pre-qualified candidates. The buck sticker will be mailed out to the address consistent with the customer ID that the antlerless deer was registered to. **Be sure to fill out your registration stub completely and legibly to make sure you are eligible to pre-qualify for EAB. Also, make sure your address is correct and up-to-date.**
- 7. Can I get a replacement sticker if I misplace mine?** No. Once the stickers have been issued, it is your responsibility to keep track of them. Make sure you keep your sticker in a safe place and have your correct mailing address filed with the Department. No replacement stickers will be issued for lost stickers.
- 8. What if I harvested an antlerless deer in the CWD zone?** Antlerless deer harvest in a CWD zone anytime during the 2005 deer hunting season qualify a hunter for a buck sticker. Buck stickers earned in the CWD zone will be valid in any EAB unit throughout the rest of the state.

- 9. Where is my buck sticker valid?** Buck stickers can be used with a hunter's Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag or Archery Either Sex Deer Carcass Tag and can be used during any hunting season open to harvesting antlered deer using a legal hunting weapon. They are valid in **ANY EAB unit** throughout the state. Buck stickers earned in the CWD zones during the 2005 season are also valid in **ANY EAB unit**.
- 10. How many buck stickers can I earn?** You can earn many, but only use two buck stickers outside of the CWD zones—one which can be used with a valid archery license and one which can be used with a valid gun license in an EAB unit. A buck sticker can be used with either valid license and is not weapon or season specific. Inside the CWD zones, multiple buck stickers may be used during EAB seasons there.
- 11. Is the buck sticker weapon/ season specific?** No. It can be used with either a valid archery license or a valid gun license during an open season. An antlerless deer harvested with a gun or bow in an EAB unit will earn a buck sticker that can be used with either a gun buck tag or an archery buck tag.
- 12. How do I use my buck sticker?** A buck sticker is required to harvest and register an antlered deer in an EAB unit. The buck sticker must be immediately attached to the validated carcass tag and deer upon harvesting an antlered deer in an EAB unit. Buck stickers are not valid during antlerless only hunts.
- 13. Can I earn a buck for someone else?** No, buck stickers are non-transferable. Only those who register an antlerless deer from a unit that later becomes EAB will be issued buck stickers.
- 14. Do I have to pre-qualify?** No. You can harvest an antlerless deer with a valid license during an open season and earn a buck sticker for a DMU with EAB designation.

